Appointment of Ambassadors and High Commissioners

†4912. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed for the appointment of Ambassadors/High Commissioners in foreign countries;

(b) the names of the countries where Ambassadors/High Commissioners have been appointed by Government of India; and

(c) the names of the countries where such appointments are yet to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The appointments of Ambassadors/High Commissioners to foreign countries are decided on the basis of a number of criteria which include, inter alia, their seniority, career, relevant experience and an overall suitability for the tasks and the post.

(b) A list in this connection is given in the enclosed Statement-I (*See* below).

(c) A list in this connection is given in the enclosed Statement-II. (*See* below) Process is underway for selection and appointment of suitable Ambassadors/High Commissioners to these countries.

Statement I

List of Indian Mission Functioning Abroad
During Financial Year 1999-2000

Country	Office	Mission
ALGERIA	Embassy of India	ALGIER
AGOLA	Embassy of India	LUANDA
ARMENIA	Embassy of India	YEREVAN
ARGENTINA	Embassy of India	BUENOS AIRES
AUSTRALIA	High Commission of India	CANBERRA
AUSTRIA	Embassy of India	VIENNA
AZERBAIJAN	Embassy of India	BAKU
BAHRAIN	Embassy of India	BAHRAIN
BANGLADESH	High Commission of India	DHAKA
BELARUS	Embassy of India	MINSK
BELGIUM	Embassy of India	BRUSSELS
BHUTAN	Embassy of India	THIMPU
BOTSWANA	High Commission of India	GABORONE

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Country	Office	Mission
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	High Commission of India	BANDER SERI
BEGAWAN		
BULGARIA	Embassy of India	SOFIA
BURKINA FASO	Embassy of India	OUAGADOUGOU
BRAZIL	Embassy of India	BRASILIA
CAMBODIA	Embassy of India	PHNOM PENH
CANADA	High Commission of India	OTTAWA
CHILE	Embassy of India	SANTIAGO
CHINA	Embassy of India	BEIJING
COLOMBIA	Embassy of India	BOGOTA
COTE DIVOIRE	Embassy of India	ABIDJAN
CROATIA	Embassy of India	ZAGREB
CUBA	Embassy of India	HAVANA
CYPRUS	High Commission of India	NICOSIA
CZECH REPUBLIC	Embassy of India	PRAGUE
DENMARK	Embassy of India	COPENHAGEN
EGYPT	Embassy of India	CAIRO
ETHIOPIA	Embassy of India	ADDIS ABABA
FINLAND	Embassy of India	HELSINKI
FIJI	High Commission of India	SUVA
FRANCE	Embassy of India	PARIS
GERMANY	Embassy of India	BERLIN
GHANA	High Commission of India	ACCRA
GREECE	Embassy of India	ATHENS
GUYANA	High Commission of India	GEORGETOWN
HUNGARY	Embassy of India	BUDAPEST
INDONESIA	Embassy of India	JAKARTA
IRAN	Embassy of India	TEHRAN
IRAQ	Embassy of India	BAGHDAD
IRELAND	Embassy of India	DUBLIN
ISRAEL	Embassy of India	TEL AVIV
ITALY	Embassy of India	ROME
JAMAICA	High Commission of India	KINGSTON
JAPAN	Embassy of India	TOKYO
JORDAN	Embassy of India	AMMAN
KAZAKHISTAN	Embassy of India	ALMATY
KENYA	High Commission of India	NAIROBI
KOREA(N)	Embassy of India	PYONGYANG
KOREA(S)	Embassy of India	SEOUL
KUWAIT	Embassy of India	KUWAIT
KYRGHYZSTAN	Embassy of India	BISHKEK
LAOS	Embassy of India	VIENTIANE
LEBANON	Embassy of India	BEIRUT
LIBYA	Embassy of India	TRIPOLI
MADAGASCAR	Embassy of India	ANTANANARIVO

Country	Office	Mission
MALAYSIA	High Commission of India	KUALA LUMPUR
MALDIVES	High Commission of India	MALE
MAURITIUS	High Commission of India	PORT LOUIS
MEXICO	Embassy of India	MEXICO CITY
MONGOLIA	Embassy of India	ULAN BATOR
MOROCCO	Embassy of India	RABAT
MOZAMBIQUE	High Commission of India	MAPUTO
MYANMAR	Embassy of India	YANGON
NAMIBIA	High Commission of India	WINDHOEK
NEPAL	Embassy of India	KATHMANDU
NETHERLANDS	Embassy of India	THE HAGUE NEW
ZEALAND	High Commission of India	WELLINGTON
NIGERIA	High Commission of India	LAGOS
NORWAY	Embassy of India	OSLO
OMAN	Embassy of India	MUSCAT
PAKISTAN	High Commission of India	ISLAMABAD
PANAMA	Embassy of India	PANAMA
PAPUA		
NEW GUINEA	High Commission of India	PORT MORESBY
PERU	Embassy of India	LIMA
PHILIPPINES	Embassy of India	MANILA
POLAND	Embassy of India	WARSAW
PORTUGAL	Embassy of India	LISBON
QATAR	Embassy of India	DOHA
ROMANIA	Embassy of India	BUCHAREST
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Embassy of India	MOSCOW SAUDI
ARABIA	Embassy of India	RIYADH
SENEGAL	Embassy of India	DAKAR
SEYCHELLES	High Commission of India	MAHE
SINGAPORE	High Commission of India	SINGAPORE
SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Embassy of India	BRATISLAVA SOUTH
AFRICA	High Commission of India	PRETORIA
SPAIN	Embassy of India	MADRID
SRI LANKA	High Commission of India	COLOMBO
SUDAN	Embassy of India	KHARTOUM
SURINAME	Embassy of India	PARAMARIBO
SWEDEN	Embassy of India	STOCKHOLM
SWITZERLAND	Embassy of India	BERNE
SYRIA	Embassy of India	DAMASCUS
TAJIKISTAN	Embassy of India	DUSHANBE
TANZANIA	High Commission of India	DAR-ES-SALAAM
THAILAND	Embassy of India	BANGKOK
TRINIDAD & TOBAGO	High Commission of India	PORT OF SPAIN
TUNISIA	Embassy of India	TUNIS
TURKEY	Embassy of India	ANKARA

Country	Office	Mission
TURKMENISTAN	Embassy of India	ASHKHABAD
UGANDA	High Commission of India	KAMPALA
UKRAINE	Embassy of India	KIEV
UAE	Embassy of India	ABU DHABI
UK	High Commission of India	LONDON
USA	Embassy of India	WASHINGTON
UZBEKISTAN	Embassy of India	TASHKENT
VENEZUELA	Embassy of India	CARACAS
VIETNAM	Embassy of India	HANOI
YEMEN	Embassy of India	SANA'A
YUGOSLAVIA	Embassy of India	BELGRADE
ZAMBIA	High Commission of India	LUSAKA
ZIMBABWE	High Commission of India	HARARE

Note:

1. Total number of countries :114
2. Total number of Missions as under :114

Embassies	High Commissions	Total
84	30	114

Statement II

List of missions abroad without heads of mission as on 6.5.2000

Sl. No.	Country	Office	Mission/Post
1.	Mongolia	Embassy of India	Ulaan Bataar
2.	Mozambique	High Commission of India	Maputo
3.	Papua New Guinea	High Commission of India	Port Moresby

Pakistan's Ballistic Missile Shaheen-II

4913. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has unveiled its medium range Ballistic Missile Shaheen-II;

(b) if so, what steps India propose to face the challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. At a military parade on March 23, 2000, Pakistan displayed a missile called "Shaheen-II" with a purported range of 2500 kms. The missile which is claimed to be solid-fuelled has not been flight-tested in Pakistan;